

CITY OF NEWBURGH

TAXICAB COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST

Inspections shall conform to the New York State law:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Brakes | <input type="checkbox"/> Horn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tires | <input type="checkbox"/> Steering/front end |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interior lights | <input type="checkbox"/> Windshield/all glass |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Upholstery | <input type="checkbox"/> Windshield wipers, washers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Floorboards/Floor mats | <input type="checkbox"/> Front and rear window defrosters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Doors | <input type="checkbox"/> Paint |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Door handles, inside and out | <input type="checkbox"/> Directional signals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heater | <input type="checkbox"/> Speedometer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mirrors (inside and out) | <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel system |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seat Belts | <input type="checkbox"/> Muffler and Exhaust system |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Engine fluid leaks | <input type="checkbox"/> Wheel covers or hubcaps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jack (rated for said vehicle) | <input type="checkbox"/> Conventional spare tire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No trailer hitches | <input type="checkbox"/> Trouble light |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exterior light lenses (free from cracks and proper color) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emissions (burning oil and smoke, visible and otherwise) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Body damage and rust (including bumpers) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exterior lights (including reverse, license plate, parking lights and roof light) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension (including shock absorbers and springs) | |

In addition to any requirements otherwise imposed by the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York or by this Chapter, each licensed taxicab operating within the City of Newburgh shall at all times remain in compliance with each of the following VEHICLE requirements:

- ☐ No vehicle shall be licensed as a taxi for the first time if it was manufactured prior to January 1, 1997.
- ☐ Kept mechanically fit, interior and exterior kept in a clean and sanitary condition and shall at all times bear a current New York State Inspection Sticker and a City of Newburgh Inspection Sticker.
- ☐ No fewer than four (4) doors, not including a hatchback or other rear-entry, two (2) of which lead into the driver's compartment, and all doors shall be so constructed that they may be opened from the inside and the outside. Under no circumstances shall any two (2) door vehicle be licensed as a taxicab. Vans may be licensed and approved for use as taxicab vehicles only if each such van provides a seat and a seat belt for each passenger and carries no more than seven (7) passengers at any given time.
- ☐ Equipped with an adequate heater of a type which will not permit exhaust gasses to enter the interior of the vehicle.
- ☐ Equipped with at least three (3) adjustable rear-view mirrors, one (1) in the driver's compartment and two (2) exterior mirrors installed on the exterior of the vehicle, one (1) on the driver's side door and one (1) on the passenger-side door.
- ☐ Equipped with a standard speedometer properly installed and maintained in good working order. No licensed vehicle shall be operated in public while such speedometer is inoperative or disconnected.
- ☐ Has either acceptable snow tires, all-weather radial tires or tire chains on the drive wheels of such vehicle when pavement conditions are such as to require said use for the safety of the driver, passenger and the general public.

- Equipped with dual windshield wipers properly installed and maintained in good working order, which shall be operated whenever weather conditions require. This shall include windshield washers in proper working condition. In addition, each licensed vehicle shall at all times remain in compliance with New York State Regulations requiring that headlights be turned on at any time windshield wipers are in operation.
- Contains original or replacement upholstery and floor mats in good and suitable condition for satisfactory use by the public. In the event that original upholstery or floor mats are found to be worn or otherwise deteriorated, such upholstery or floor mats must be replaced prior to the use of the licensed vehicle for conveyance of the public.
- Equipped with an interior light capable of illuminating the entire interior of taxicab after sundown. The light shall be so arranged as to be automatically turned on by the opening of any door to the vehicle and shall also have a switch easily accessible to passengers.
- Wherever glass is used in the construction of any licensed vehicle, such glass shall be safety glass, clearly and permanently marked as such and of a type approved by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles of the State of New York. All glass in said licensed vehicle shall be in good condition and shall not contain air bubbles, cracks or fractures. Glass shall not be tinted.
- The fenders, bumpers and body of each licensed vehicle must be rigidly and tightly fastened to said vehicle, free from significant or extensive dents or mutilation, and shall be so constructed as to allow the full opening of all doors of the vehicle. The exterior of the vehicle shall be properly maintained, painted and the finish in good condition. This includes all exterior light lenses to be free from cracks and to be the proper color.
- The vehicle is equipped with both front and rear window defroster/defogger. They are to be in proper working condition.
- Equipped with hubcaps on all four (4) wheels or shall have uniformly painted wheels in lieu thereof.
- No shades or curtains on the inside of taxicab.

- New York State license plates, City Inspection Sticker and any other licensing and inspection identification are clearly visible and unobstructed at all times.
- No licensed vehicle shall be equipped with any equipment which is not reasonably useful or necessary to furnish safe, adequate and convenient taxicab service to the public.
- Equipped with a roof light illuminated by an electrically-powered light and controlled by the driver.
- Complies with federal, state and other laws, rules and regulations pertaining to its use by and accessibility to persons with disabilities.
- Equipped with a light affixed to the roof contained within an amber lens which can be easily seen when illuminated during all times of the day or night from a distance no less than fifty (50) feet, the illumination of which is operated by a switch solely under the control of the driver, which when illuminated shall indicate that the driver and/or passenger(s) are in need of emergency assistance, and which shall be used exclusively for such purpose.
- Each taxicab vehicle shall display upon both the right and left passenger doors a sticker stating the following in both the English and Spanish language in no smaller than 18-point type in capital letters:

PUBLIC NOTICE/AVISO PUBLICO
THIS VEHICLE MAY BE STOPPED AND VISUALLY INSPECTED BY ANY POLICE OFFICER
AT ANY TIME TO ENSURE THE DRIVER'S SAFETY
ESTE VEHICULO PUEDE SER PARADO Y VISUALMENE
ASEGURAR LA SEGURIDAD DEL CONDUCTOR
NEWBURGH POLICE TAXI INSPECTION SAFETY PROGRAM
- Interior display to all passengers a sign or sticker written in both English and Spanish language in no less than 18-point type advising that seat belts are available and should be used by all passengers.
- Taxicabs licensed in accordance with this Chapter may be equipped with (a) partitions or shields made of Plexiglas or other shatterproof material located between and effectively separating the front and rear seats.